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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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WORKING TOGETHER IN UNITY

Behold Unity How Good and How Pleasant

M. W. Letsinger
The Psalmist David, in the 133d Psalm, calls our attention by saying, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He tells us it is like ointment upon the head, even Aaron's head. We are told that the ointment that was used was a compound, and those coming in contact with the fragrance would be strengthened thereby. Of course, on the occasion of the anointing of Aaron, the whole place was filled with fragrance and all that were present were buoyed up by the effect. He also said unity was like the dew of Mount Hermon. Many of us have never seen Mount Hermon, but we can think of it as a historical standpoint as it soars toward Heaven with its majestic peak all covered with snow. Down in the valley the vegetation is all withered by the hot sun and drouth of summer, but as the sun goes down beneath the Western horizon, and the shadows of night begin to gather, the cold air from the mountain will come down and the heat from the valley ascend, and as they come together the vapor in the form of dew will descend upon the vegetation which will cause it to become vigorous and strong enough to go thru another long, hot day. So it is with UNITY, it surely has marvelous effect upon those who come in contact with it. I am sure that was what made the Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Churches of God so great—it was UNITY. Oh, how good and how pleasant it was, as the folks came from the East, West, North and South and even the isles of the sea, into such a great convention of people who were so united. There was no friction whatever, but such UNITY prevailed, that everyone felt the effects. No wonder so many are saying, it was the greatest Assembly we ever attended. Even those who were not members of the Church have said it was the greatest they ever saw. In the midst of trouble it was the greatest. As we reflect upon the scene of Brother Lee, our General Overseer being so low, which grieved us so much, but the unity was so great we had joy in the midst of sorrow and after all we have to say that it was truly wonderful.

Behold! Fix your eyes and your mind on this thing, UNITY! That was what made the Assembly so great. We could see the grace of God on the folks, and now they have gone to their fields of labor with great zeal; they feel strong and able to go thru another long hard siege. Yes let the persecutions come they are able to stand for a while.

UNITY, behold it! It has been said "United we stand, divided we fall." We see in the Word that when the people were united and of one speech that they set out to do that which God did not want them to do and God said that they would have accomplished it if let alone, so He confused them and divided them and they left off building. We have seen men united and moving a great burden with ease, where two or three men could not have moved it at all.

Behold, unity, how good and how pleasant! That is what is making the Church of God so great; it is UNITY. The devil can behold it and he is doing everything he can to separate and divide God's people, but we read in the Word to "resist the devil and he will flee from you." So we see he comes and tries to set one against the other, but when we resist him he flees away.

The devil does not like UNITY. He is the author of confusion, but God is the author of peace and UNITY. The thing that destroys peace and contentment more than anything is division. It is hard for the folks to get healed in the midst of divisions and confusions, but when the people of God come together in UNITY, it is easy to get healed. Behold the

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A MIGHTY MAN HAS LEFT US

Joe R. Little
In the little city of Cleveland, in the state of Tennessee, There lived a mighty hero, by the name of F. J. Lee.

He did not belong to an army that sought some life to kill, But he belonged to Christ's army and fought that we might live.

So come on all ye his friends and relatives and place a wreath on his tomb, For well we know that on the morrow, we too shall meet our doom.

He was fair and handsome from the cradle to the grave, And in his life he did his utmost some precious soul to save.

He held many wonderful revivals, and was crowned with great success. For he was a mighty preacher, when behind the sacred desk.

So come on all ye preachers and do your very best, And meet Bro. Lee in Heaven, there forevermore to rest.

IF WE WALK IN HIS WAYS

CHARLESTON, S. C. (Sept. 10)—We have just closed a successful revival here. Two were saved, two sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost and four were baptized in water and four came into the church. My two daughters received the Holy Ghost and came into the church. They have bright experiences. The oldest one is teaching Sunday School since she received the blessing. I feel that God blessed me greatly by giving my children the blessing. I ran this revival and had the privilege of baptizing and receiving my own children into the church here at Charleston of which I am pastor. They both have long hair, David said if we would fear the Lord and walk in His ways, "Thy wife would be a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants round about thy table; yea thou shalt see thy children's children and peace upon Israel." Psa. 128.—Clyde Dodd.

Keep The Banner Waving

MARIETTA, Ga. (Sept. 22)—The revival at the Church of God came to a close the 2d Sunday in September, with great success.

Our pastor, Brother Setser was on his job and did his best. Brother Nix of Spring Place did the preaching. He surely gave out the Word in its fullness. Three were saved, ten sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, one was reclaimed and ten came into the church, and eight followed the Lord in water baptism. The saints were built up and encouraged, and we want to say there was much good accomplished for the Master and we want to give Him the praise for it. We desire an interest in your prayers that we may keep the banner waving till Jesus comes or calls.—V. J. Dupree, clerk.

Obedience To Every Commandment

PARMO, Mo. (Oct. 15)—I am glad that I am a child of the Coming King, my sins are all under the blood and the precious Holy Ghost abides within, praise the Lord. I had chills this summer but the Lord healed me. I am trusting Him for complete deliverance from all diseases. I desire the prayers of God's children that I will be obedient to all His commandments and raise my children to please Him. Your sister in Christ—Lillie Parker.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

While at the Assembly a few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of meeting so many old friends from different parts of the country, and the one question that confronted me was, "Why don't you write to the Evangel any more?" My answer was, "I have been too busy with other phases of the Lord's work," but I am wondering if I have not failed God along this line. Any way I promised my friends and the Lord I would write more.

I am going to write this time on the subject that lies nearest my heart, and to my opinion is the greatest need of the Church of God. When I say "young people" I mean from early childhood on up to our grownup boys and girls.

For over a year I have been corresponding with Bro. Lee (who has now gone to his reward) in regard to the young people's work, and he was greatly interested along this line. While he was at Weatherford, Texas and at Lawton, Okla., we talked and planned for a Young People's Union to be organized in the Church of God, and he had planned to write some pieces on the subject to the Evangel, but took sick and failed to get his thoughts to you. Here is a letter I received from him after he returned from the West.

"Dear Sister Harrison:

I have not lost interest in the young people's work and I believe your suggestion is a good one, but I have not been getting along well since I returned, in fact I have been in much worse condition. People have been praying every day, and I am hoping to be ready for the Assembly. I have been thinking of writing some in the Evangel about the young people's work, but have not gotten to it yet."

Dear Bro. Lee has been called home, but I am going to try my best to get the thoughts over to you that he desired to write about.

The majority of the young people have not yet found their place in the great harvest field which is so white unto harvest. We have a Bible School which is a wonderful place and doing great good, but what about the thousands of young people who cannot attend this school? What are we doing for them? This is the program for our young people's work that I desire to bring to you:

That we organize a Young People's Union and strive to get a training class started in every church where there are enough young people. Begin with the little tots and give them something to do. Teach them the Bible, and make them feel their share in the work of the Church. There are so many things they can do. Make them feel their share of the financial burdens of the Church and soon they will be saving their pennies instead of spending them foolishly. Have a little program occasionally and invite the parents to hear them. Nothing will interest the parents quicker than to know that their little ones are being trained. (I mean, the right kind of parents.) Give them something definite to do. Tell them you're expecting them to raise \$5.00 on the building of the new church, or the repairing of the church, whatever the case may be. It may have to come out of "daddy's pocket" but it'll mean much to them. Soon Johnny and Mary's church life will mean more than all the things of the world could mean to them.

Then, our older boys and girls, many of them, who have been taken right out of the rollicking world and have given up all for Jesus need to get busy for the Lord. The old saying "the idle brain is the devil's workshop," is certainly true, and the reason so many of our young people backslide is because they are not put to work. All they find to do in many cases is attend church with the older people and usually the older people take the lead and the young people are made to wonder, "what use am I any way?" Faith is a wonderful thing to have, and we must have that to please God, but faith without works is dead, so the Bible tells us. I love to see people shout, but the ring soon dies out to me if those who shout just sit down and fold their hands, when the call is so strong to pray that the Lord will send forth laborers. He is expecting us to do our best to

train these bright, young people for Him. Many of them are "diamonds in the rough" and only need our hand to polish them till they shine out for Jesus.

If we had a Churchwide Union so that all of these young people's training classes would be linked together and given a place in the Church program I believe in a few years you would be surprised at the results. The old saying is still true, "There is strength in union." We hear the question so often, Why do we not have more missionaries on the foreign field? If we are the true and only Church, as many believe and teach, and if the Bride shall come out of the Church of God, then we must hasten to obey that last command, Go ye in to all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. I believe this great Young People's Union would solve our problem and that many would go out as missionaries from this Union. Each state should have its work, also each district. We should have our district and state Young People's Conventions, and special attention should be given the young people at the State Campmeetings, and they should have an afternoon or evening at every Assembly. This would answer our social problem among our young people. It would give them the privilege of knowing the young people in other places. I have often heard this expression from young men and women from the small churches where the young people are scarce, "I'd like to go to church with my parents, but there are no young people in the Church of God so I must go elsewhere to find my young companions." Soon they are married to some unsaved man or woman and are lost to God and the Church. Whose fault is it? If these small churches could get only a glimpse occasionally of the lovely young people at other places and hear their bright testimonies, it would inspire them and soon they would gather up the few young people and start a training class also. One of the duties of the thriving young people's classes would be to go over to the next town where the church is small and hold services occasionally and organize a training class there.

Every training class should be studying the same lessons, and try to have their meetings on the same night in the week. The weekly study should be printed in the Evangel two weeks in advance of the time for the meeting so that the leader would have plenty of time to make the meeting interesting.

Now last, but not least, I am going to ask a favor of every one who is interested in this proposition and who feel it would be a blessing to have a young people's union of this kind, to write to me at 814 A. Ave. Lawton, Okla., and tell me what you think about it. Maybe we can persuade the editor of the Evangel to give us space sometimes to print some of these letters in the paper. God bless our young people.—Yours in His glad service, Bertie Harrison.

NOTE: They have a young people's meeting, something on the order of the above, in Detroit, Mich., and I think it is fine.—Editor.

His Plan Included Me

DETROIT, Mich. (Sept. 23)—As I have not written to the paper for some time I will now try to write. I love the Evangel very much.

I am glad to report victory in my soul and body at this time. I feel the sweet abiding Comforter in my soul. I am also glad I can take Jesus as my healer for my body when I am sick. I can also say God has given me the victory over the tobacco habit.

I feel so good in my soul for I have perfect peace which passeth all understanding, for I can say I feel no condemnation in my soul at present. We find in Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, and I can say I can apply this to my soul and feel so happy in this great promise. I am so glad God sent His Son to save the sinners and that included me.—Floyd Carpenter.

A GREAT LEADER HAS GONE BEFORE US

Joe R. Little
A great and mighty leader, has fallen from our rank, But now we have another, so do not sadder, neither shrink. For I hear the bugle blowing, to the battle we must go, And I hear Him saying, onward boys let us conquer every foe.

So up with our staff and standard with our Bibles in our hands, Let us march forth to victory and win the promised land.

Then on the plains of freedom, on the hilltops of glory we shall stand, And praise the Lord forever for the life of this good man.

His life was a true example to all of us here below, And we know we must live something like him if to Heaven we want to go.

So come on all ye people and listen to what I say, Get right with your redeemer, and meet Bro. Lee in Heaven some day.

The memory of this man still lingers near my heart, And if we ever meet again, I'll never from Him part.

So come now Lord Jesus, and take me as I am, So I'll meet Bro. Lee over yonder at the Marriage of the Lamb.

I Want To Love Him More

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I want to give a word of praise to God to-night for the healing of my body. Last night I was very sick and suffering much pain. I went to bed and my husband came in for me to go to church. I told him to go ahead and tell the saints to have special prayer for me. I prayed, but did not get any better. I was suffering from head to foot. I prayed again and did not seem so restless, then after services they prayed for me, and I was asleep when my husband got back home. Some may not see into this, but I felt the power of God! All the pain and sickness was gone, bless His name! I don't think that I can praise Him enough. I praise God for ever coming into my heart, and that I can put my body in His trust.

I know I do not do all I can for Him, and I praise Him for being so good to me. I have a longing and a desire to go all the way with Him, and desire the prayers of all the saints who trust in Him for healing, to pray that I may do His will and obey all His Words. Pray for my husband and children that God will bring us all in as a happy holy band. Pray for our Sunday School, that we may all do just what God wants us to do. O I want to love Him more and more. Your sister in Christ.—Lucy Best, Rt. 1.

Feels Like Going The Last Mile

PHILADELPHIA, Miss.—(Sept. 6th)—I want to thank and praise the Lord tonight that I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and feel like going on the last mile of the way. Our meeting has just closed at the Watkins tabernacle.

It was conducted by Brother Clarence Johnson from Estes Mill, Miss. He surely preached the Word straight and the Lord blessed our Overseer. He left the saints encouraged to press on. Pray for me that I may stay humble and true until Jesus comes or calls for me.—Your sister in Christ.—Kattie Watkins.

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COURTING GOD'S FAVORS

To Bring About A Oneness In The Church Unity Must Prevail

S. W. Latimer
"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Having agreement, there is nothing that will bring such results as unity, it is good and pleasant, it will command the Lord's favor. If the Church will work together in unity we will do great things for God. How often we have noticed a little disagreement bring discord and confusion and friends sometimes are divided for life. The Psalmist is trying to impress the importance of brethren being one. He says it is like the precious ointment. The point of the comparison does not lie in the preciousness of the oil, or in its all-pervading fragrance, but in this, that, being poured on the head it did not rest there, but flowed to the beard and descended even to the garments and thus as it was consecrated the whole body in all its parts. All the members participated in the same blessing—skirts etc., evidently the lower hem of the garment. "Ah, the church needs to work together in unity." Eph. 4:3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit till we come to unity of the faith. Oneness will bring faith. The dew of Hermon, this dew is caused from the height of the mountain, 9200 ft. high, snow can be seen almost the year round. The vapor rising from the valley below comes in contact with the cold air causing heavy dew to fall, giving life to the vegetation below. Hermon is the source of many blessings to the land over which it lifts its proud and lofty head. As you descend from the top on the western side you pass thru fruitful orchards, vineyards and gardens. This is caused by the dews of this mountain in this dry and thirsty land.

Here the Lord will commend His blessings, even life forever more. Now this unity spoken of will bring the blessings and favors of God among His people. It will bring victory and power. Where there is envy and strife there is every evil work but unity will drive away these unpleasant things. If there is anything that we need in these last days it is God's favors. It is said that in this mountain there are great reservoirs which find their outlets in the Spring. Their cool waters drive the heat from the desert, their dew clouds spreading over the valleys bring life to the fruits and gardens of the valley. If we want spiritual life to be in the church, there must be unity. God give us this blessed oneness. It will take this to draw men to God. There has never been a time in the history of the church when we needed the power of God for service as we do now. As sure as we work in harmony and endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, we will have power with God and favor with the people. As we read this Psalm we can see how the writer was trying to impress upon the mind of the people the importance of being one in the Lord. In my experience in the church and also in business, I have found that one can not have things just as they wish. I have made it a rule not to expect every thing to go just like I would like. Quite often it would be well to surrender some of our own wishes, and be willing to submit to the good advice and plans of others. A strict adherence to the Word is very necessary. There is nothing that will bring the blessings of God like harmony and oneness.

Let us all endeavor to work together in unity and bring down upon the church the great blessings and favor of God, thereby getting her ready for the coming of our Lord.

Walhalla Church

We have just closed a meeting here. Brother J. A. Hanby did the preaching. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed. Five were saved, four sanctified and two reclaimed. The work was built up. Brother Hanby did some good preaching. We were also glad to have the good folks of Spar-tanburg, S. C. the last three services of the meeting. Thy sister, Pauline Jackson.

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Editorials

When sending anything in for publication in the Evangel, please sign your name to it.

Don't fail to get a Minute of the 23d Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. We have placed a nice picture of Brother Flavius J. Lee in this Minute, which is worth the price to any one that knew him. Everyone should know what the Church of God did in the 23d Annual Assembly. This Minute should be in every Church of God home.

Brother J. P. Hughes and family left for Charlotte, N. C. Nov. 22d. Brother Hughes has gone there to pastor the church. We predict for the church there a successful year, for we believe Brother Hughes to be a man of God, and a real preacher. We feel sure that the folks at Charlotte will be pleased to have them.

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PRAYER

One of the most wonderful facts about the Christian life is the manner in which God places His power at the disposal of His believing children. Nothing is more clearly taught in the Bible, by both precept and example, than the miracle working power of prayer. It does not change the will of God, but it removes the hindrances and provides a channel through which that will may be expressed. Prayer can, therefore, accomplish anything in the will of God, and it should be the purpose of the Christian to know the will of God in order that his praying might be effectual. Prayer brings an answer that is greater than the thing asked for. It awakens the soul in touch with God.

Some of the different kinds of prayer mentioned in the Bible are: "Earnest petition, wrestling prayer, meditative prayer, secret prayer, united prayer, and intercessory prayer." Samuel, when speaking of the children of Israel said, "God forbid that I should sin by ceasing to pray for you."

In 1 Thess. we are told "to pray without ceasing. Some one may say that this is impossible, but we find in the Bible that they prayed, in the temple, on the Mount, in the upper room in the chamber, by the river side, on the housetop, by the roadside, in the closet, kneeling, sitting, standing, morning, noon and night.

Thus we find that we are expected to live in prayer, that it should be as natural as the breath we breathe, and that at all times, in every place and under all circumstances, and in every frame of mind, our heavenly Father would have us pray to him for whatsoever we need. Real prayer is an inspiration. It carries at its girdle the keys of knowledge and of all mysteries.

Disappointments arise from seeking one's own will. Too often do Christians dictate to God rather than seek His will. Our most beautiful Bible example of self-denial, was when our Savior entered the garden of Gethsemane, taking His disciples with Him. "And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass from Him. And He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible with Thee, take away this cup from me; nevertheless, not what I will but what Thou wilt." Luke 14:35, 36.

Thus He prayed three times, each time ending by expressing the desire, "Not my will, but thine be done." If we would always submit to the will of God and say "None of self and all of Thee," surely our prayers would be more effectual, and Paul tells that the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." He who has never added fasting to prayer has not fully learned to feast with God.

In the Bible we are told how, when, and where to pray. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He gave them an example. "After this manner," etc. It lays down the lines on which we should frame our petitions; removes the distance and ceremoniousness of our approach to God; counteracts the selfishness of our desires so as to comprehend the welfare of the world. It was given to the disciples on two occasions: the first in connection with the Sermon on the Mount; the second after two years, when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. There is a striking correspondence between each clause of the Lord's prayer and one of the commandments, and the order in which they mutually occur.

It consists, first, of an invocation or mode of address to God. The word "our" indicates the great change which Christ puts into the whole conception of worship.

Our "Father." The relation of God as a Father belongs to men alike by right of creation and providence; but it is by the grace of God in conversion that we receive the spirit of adoption whereby we cry, "Abba, Father."

The words "which art in heaven" imply that as our Father is in heaven, so our desires and affections should ascend beyond earth.

The order of the petitions is very remarkable. It begins with the recognition of God's rights as Maker, Sovereign, Proprietor,—"thy will" and then it goes on to the recognition of man's needs—our bread, our debts, our temptations, deliverance. The essence of sin is inversion of this divine order, putting the creature first, and the Creator last, giving precedence to man's need over God's rights.

"Hallowed be thy name," teaches us that as children, we are to treat with a holy love and fear the name and relation of Father in which we stand to God.

"Thy kingdom come" is a petition that God's reign of righteousness and peace and joy may be set up in our hearts, and that we may be enabled to extend it by character, conduct, and work in the world around.

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" shows us that God's will is the highest ultimate good of all His creatures; that all His laws have been devised to bring about this result; and that in proportion, as we obey this will, is our true welfare promoted. When our will and the Father's are absolutely one, we shall know that all things work together for our good.

"Give us this day our daily bread." At first sight, referring to the most

Notices And Specials

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would like for the following named brethren to write us, giving their address, as we have some important mail for them: Richard A. Shaw, and Willie E. Crider.

The General Secretary is now mailing to each clerk of the Church a Minute of the last Assembly. This Minute is for the local church and is free of charge. He is using the addresses given on the annual report form sent in by each local church.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

To the ministers and churches in Mississippi: I have appointed Brother W. B. Wimberly of Thorn, Miss. as state mission treasurer for Miss. So please send all mission funds to him at this address. The Assembly has agreed that all the churches raise as much as 5 percent in offerings as there are tithes paid in each month. Half of this to be sent to Headquarters and half to be used in your own state as mission funds, so all of the pastors and churches please see that this amount is raised at your church and send half of it to Brother W. B. Wimberly, Thorn, Miss. and the other half to Headquarters. For example: If a church pays \$50.00 tithes per month, the amount to raise in offerings for missions would be five percent of \$50.00 which is \$2.50. Lovingly, your brother.—E. B. Culpepper.

To the churches in Miss.: I am located in the state and have my family with me in Mississippi. We are living six miles from Red Bay, Ala. (in Miss.) You can address all letters and make all communications with me at Red Bay, Ala. Rt. 2. I expect to visit all the churches as soon as possible and any of the churches that are not supplied with a pastor, please write me and let me know who you wish for your pastor, also any one in a new field who wants a meeting, let me hear from you, as we want to open up as much new work this year as possible, also we want to ask the hearty cooperation of all the churches and ministers in the state that God would make this the best year of our lives for His glory and give us hundreds of souls this year for His church and glory. So one and all pray, pray for this to be a great year for the harvest of souls in Miss. Love to one and all, from your brother and co-laborer in the Gospel.—E. B. Culpepper, Overseer of Miss., Red Bay, Ala.

To the Churches of God in Tenn.:

As it was decided in the last Assembly to have district treasurers for the Sunday School tithes instead of same going to Headquarters as heretofore, I wish to announce that I have decided to let the state of Tennessee constitute a district with Brother E. M. Ellis, 2315 N. Chamberlain Ave., E. Chattanooga, Tenn. as treasurer. Each treasurer of the local Sunday Schools is to tithe the Sunday School offerings each Sunday, and mail same to Brother Ellis.

Brother Ellis is also Mission Treas. for the State of Tennessee, so the mission funds can be mailed to him at the above given address. Each minister and Sunday School superintendent should become familiar with the rules of the Assembly on these matters so they can be properly carried out.

As we have begun on a new church year I hope every member will feel the responsibility they should and will do their best to be loyal on every line. When the tithes are not sufficient for the pastors, offerings should be taken for him so that his needs will be supplied. So let us not neglect these things, but be fervent in spirit; serving the Lord, so the Lord can bless us, and help us to bless others.—H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Tenn.

For the benefit of my friends who might wish to write to me, my address will be 853 N.W. 29th Ter. Miami, Fla.—I. G. Roberts, pastor of Miami church.

Our many friends who may want to correspond with us can reach us at the following address, as we are here doing pastoral work this year. We will be glad to hear from all of you.—T. F. Blackwell, Inza Station, St. Joseph, Mo.

To the membership of the Church of God, Lannus, Texas.

I have been appointed pastor for this church year. We want to have conference Saturday night, Dec. 8th. I would like for every church member, to be present if possible. We want to revise our church roll. If it is impossible for you to come please write

urgent need of man, we find that this petition is only one of several others: not the first as the most important, not the last as the longest remembered, but enclosed among those which refer to spiritual things, to the establishment of God's kingdom and the overthrow of Satan's.

"Lead us not into temptation." It is by temptation that we are tried and educated; yet we are justified in praying to our Father not to lead us into temptation. The temptation itself is not sin but we fear that we may sin through it, and therefore this petition is linked along with the next, so as to make of the two, one petition. Knowing God's power, we ask Him to deliver us from evil that is in the temptation, relying up-

on His promise that He will not suffer us to be tried above that we are able, but with every temptation will provide a way of escape.

The Graves Chapel meeting of Nov. 18th, was a blessing regardless of the cold weather, the Lord's presence was in our midst, and it seemed good to us thru the Spirit to announce that we would have Home Coming Day Dec. 16th. Those who cannot come, please send us a report by Dec. 14th. All who want to pay their tithes can send them in also, and those who wish to remember the orphans, may send them gifts to CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE AND CHILDRENS HOME, Cleveland, Tenn. Come, and let's send them a Santa worth while, as we are expecting to have a few days service, every minister who feels led to come will be welcome. So pray much for this place, and the Church of God's success. Your brother.—G. M. Ragin, Rt. No. 5, Newbern, Tenn.

REQUESTS

Mrs. M. C. Pendergrass, of Blossom, Texas, requests the saints everywhere to pray that God will save a very wicked man living in that town. His wife has salvation and belongs to the Church of God, she has a very hard time. They are praying for a gracious revival to break out at that place.

I want all the saints who read this to please pray earnestly for my wife who is in the State Hospital at Columbia that the Lord will heal her body of pellagra, and restore her mind so that she can come back home. Your brother in Christ.—S. C. White, Buena Vista, S. C.

WANTED.—A home with a Church of God family. I am seventy years old, a widow, I would work for a small salary or as one of the family. I have no income except interest on five hundred dollars.—Mrs. F. E. Thompson, 777 A. Cherokee Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

I was sick with blood poison, was in bed nine weeks, and I promised the Lord if He would let me get well again I would do my best for Him, so I am feeling good this morning all except my knee. It is stiff and I cannot walk. Pray for the Lord to touch my knee so I can walk as I one time did. I know prayer will change things, so pray for me and my family, as I need the prayers of all the good people.—Mrs. R. D. Davis, Jellico, Tenn.

I ask the people of God everywhere to pray that God will heal me of chills and fever. I know He is able to heal all manner of diseases.—Horace Barker, Covington, La.

I am suffering with something like indigestion. Please pray for me to be completely healed and I shall give God all the praise. Your sister in Jesus' name.—Emma Wells, McComb City, Miss.

I want to praise the Lord this morning for salvation, and for His healing power. A few days ago I was suffering with my throat, it seemed like I would choke, but I laid the Evangel on my throat and was greatly relieved, but it is still sore and I request the prayers of God's children that I may be entirely healed. A sister.—Mrs. W. Miller, Ruleville, Miss.

I am requesting prayer for a sore on my limb, which has been there for some few weeks, and grows worse. I know the Lord can and will heal. He has been so good to me. I have been trusting Him for the healing of my body for two years. I was afflicted a long time, and did not seem to get much better till I began trusting Him, soon I began to improve. Had it not been for the tender mercies of our dear Savior I would have been gone several years ago. We take your good paper and enjoy reading of what the blessed Savior is doing for precious souls.—Mrs. O. V. Wainright, Periton, Ala.

on His promise that He will not suffer us to be tried above that we are able, but with every temptation will provide a way of escape.

In Ps. 91:1 David tells us that "He that dwelleth in the secret place of

Believes the Church of God is Right

LOYSTON, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I thank Him for being saved. I do not belong to the Church of God, though I believe in it. There are only a few here who do believe in it. My people are all against holiness. I ask all of the saints to pray for them to see the light, also pray for me to get stronger and do His blessed will at all times. I also want to praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. I am in better health since trusting the Lord. All who read this, please pray for the dear Lord to completely heal my body, also pray for my husband to be healed of stomach trouble. May the Lord bless all who read this, is my prayer.—Mrs. Bessie Jones.

WORKING TOGETHER IN UNITY

(Continued from page one)
pleasantness of UNITY! Behold the greatness of UNITY!

On the day of Pentecost they were of one heart and one soul, and the power of God was great—ah the sacredness! We love to read about it, and there is something within us that longs for UNITY. Jude tells us to earnestly contend for the faith that was "once delivered unto the saints." It surely means something to "contend" for the faith. God does not want us to be easy about it, but to "contend" for the faith they had at Pentecost. They were UNITED—one heart, one soul. They had love, but certain men crept in and divided them. Now we must contend for UNITY, faith and love.

The Word tells us faith worketh by love, then we need more love. When we have love one for another, we will not be so easily divided, but will cleave to the Church, and if the devil comes (which he will), and tries to cause trouble in our midst, instead of talking so much, we will weep and pray that the UNITY OF THE CHURCH may be preserved, and Satan defeated. Unity means harmony, harmony makes melody, melody makes music, and music is wine to the soul.

Finally, brethren, farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

The Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Deep within the secret chamber, Where unhallowed feet ne'er trod, There is life's most blissful moment, Clothed alone in prayer with God.

In the secret place with Jesus, Nestling 'neath His sheltering wings In the rapture of my spirit I beheld eternal things.

With earth fading from my vision There comes bursting on my sight Far away, bright golden glories In a silvery sea of light.

Tree of life in fullest fruitage Free by the pure and crystal sea 'Neath its wide and spreading branches Is a home prepared for me.

In the evening's silent glowing, Clothed with God in prayer To my inmost soul comes floating Heavenly music on the air.

Hark! O soul of mine and listen, Hear the anthems sweetly roll; Angels, singing songs of praises, To the lover of my soul!

You may have the halls of pleasure, Works of art, and music rare, But let me hear the voice of Jesus In the secret place of prayer.

Elizabeth Hunt, 904 Jefferson St., Atlanta, Ga.

SMALL THINGS

L. A. Richard
"For who hath despised the day of small things?" Zech. 4:10.

We have just passed the Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, which was wonderful. I have missed about three Assemblies since the first and I can truly say that this was the greatest of all in many ways. O, such unity and love existed thru the entire Assembly.

Just think, it was only a few years ago when the first Assembly was held in a cottage home in North Carolina and one poor old woman did the cooking for all the Assembly, for there were only about twenty persons in attendance at that Assembly, probably about five preachers, but what will it be in a few more years if Jesus tarries and all the members and preachers do their best? The church of course has come thru some dark places, but thank God, it came thru them and didn't stay in them. Everything that has been worth while has had its trials and battles. Think of Methodism and where it started and what great trials its founder had.

Let us study the life of John Wesley. He was born in England in a little town called Epworth, June 14, 1703. His father was a minister and a good man. Once his enemies set fire to his home and little John had a narrow escape, but he seemed to be a chosen vessel of God, so his life was spared and God began to use him at an early age. He stood for some of the things which the Church of God stands for to-day. He not only believed and taught justification, but he also taught sanctification as well. He believed in holy living and of course, like it is today, there were many who did not believe in holiness so John Wesley had to suffer many things because of his religion. He knew what it was to make his bed on the ground and many times eat blackberries for food. He also knew what it was for mobs to take him out from his staying place and march him all night long. Often it seemed that there was no way for him to escape death, but of course God took care of him. Once when he returned to his old home place and to the church where he had gone when a boy and where his father had preached, they refused to let him preach his doctrine of holiness so he walked out and stood on his father's tombstone and preached to the people.

At the first Methodist conference ever held, there were only six clergymen. This was June 25, 1744 and in the year 1791, the year John Wesley died, there were five hundred and eleven preachers, and one hundred twenty thousand members. He lived to be eighty-eight years old and his last words were, "Best of all, the Lord is with us." When Methodism was one hundred years old there were three thousand four hundred and twelve preachers, and one million one hundred and twelve thousand five hundred and nineteen members.

We see the Church of God in its infancy, but see where it has come from in the past twenty-three years—from twenty members to about twenty-five thousand members. What will it be in one hundred years if Jesus tarries? A few years ago people would mock and say that only the poorest people were going this way, and true enough the most of us are poor, but for years John Wesley's work was among the poor and as he kept shining for God and lifting the standard of holiness, the best people in the world saw he had the right thing and they believed and accepted the doctrine, so let us lift up our heads and keep shining for Jesus for the Church of God doctrine is going into the best homes in the world to-day and the best thinking people in the world are not only looking this way, but thank God, they are coming this way. They know it is right. The mockers are gone, they are ashamed. Yes, the Church of God is right and I, for one, feel like going forth this year to do my best to make it go.

Best of all, God is with us.

MINUTES

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The Revival Spirit Is In Our Midst

We all seem to begin our letters to the Evangel with praises unto God for the privilege of being in Bible School, but say, it is worth our praise. Truly this is the best place in the world. God set His approval on school the first night, by giving one boy the Holy Ghost, and ever since, there has been a revival spirit in our midst. We pray six times daily and never grow tired of praying. Often you can hear someone in the prayer room, crying out to God.

It is wonderful how God blesses and supplies the means for us to stay in school. Truly it is a privilege to be associated with so many Spirit-filled people, and enjoy the good Christian atmosphere that exists here. Then too, our work is made more pleasant because of the good Spirit-filled teachers who have the work at heart. To those who were unable to come to school this year, I wish to say, don't be discouraged, but work to be here next year. I covet your prayers.—Rudy Trussell.

—B. T. S.—

Trying to Become a More Efficient Soldier of Jesus

From the Bible School I send greetings to my brethren and friends everywhere. This is my first term in Bible School and I hope it won't be my last one. My first and only purpose for attending this school is to become a more efficient soldier of Christ Jesus, and in so doing become a greater blessing to God's people and a wrecked and needy mass of humanity. I appreciate my teachers, and believe they are trying to do their best for us. I love our superintendent, Brother Payne, very much. I admire him because he stands unmovable for the right, meaning what he says. Brother J. H. Walker is an able instructor also.

My roommate has gained twenty-one pounds since school began, and I weigh more than I ever have. There has been some sickness among the students, but in God we trust, and He has helped us. God the Father, Jesus Christ, His Son, and the Holy Ghost are welcome personages here. I invite the Holy Spirit daily. Beloved of God, pray for us as we pray for you.—Your humble brother, W. E. Brown, Ohio.

—B. T. S.—

OUR WORK IS A PLEASURE

Dear Evangel readers and those who are interested in our good Bible School. I am spending my second term here, preparing myself for God's work. Our work is a pleasure, for God is with us and is helping us. Brothers and sisters, remember we need your help. If you can't come to school, send your prayers up for us, that we might be strong in the Lord.

A great prophet at God's command,
Went down to Bethlehem,
With a horn of oil in his hand;
Of his going no one did he tell,
A secret to keep he understood well.

On his arriving, what a wonderful sight,
Seven handsome sons of a Bethlehemite;
After close inspection, the prophet did say,
Is there another to pass this way?

There be one yet, so tender and sweet,
Whose lot it had fallen to care for the sheep;
It was on David God's choice had fallen,
To be the great king of Israel.

And from that day God did provide,
The safety of his every stride;
Until one day him, his father did call,
To visit his brothers in the camp of King Saul.

If he grumbled we never did know,
At his father's will he meekly did

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JESUS SWEET TO SIN-SICK SOUL

BAUXITE, Ark. (Sept. 12)—I want to thank God for salvation and for a determination to go thru with Him at any price. Praise His sweet name. I thank Him for His dear Son who gave His life a ransom for all. I am so glad that four years ago I had His blood applied to my soul and He sweetly saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance according to Acts 2:4; 2:38, 39. I came to this place about five years ago and got acquainted with Brother W. D. Buford and wife. Brother Buford is our pastor at the present and it was at one of his meetings that I found Jesus sweet to my sin-sick soul. When Brother Buford first started the work up here, there was only one or two saints here and not a place to worship, except from house to house. Later the Lord provided an old building which the Methodist people used to have services in, but had abandoned it not having any preaching or services of any kind when he came here. One night the enemy set fire to the building, burning it down, but he never became discouraged, but built a brush arbor and kept on preaching. Very soon after that the dear Lord provided a band of saints and five acres of land, church and parsonage, and will soon have it clear of all indebtedness. But we want to give God the praise for it all.

If anyone who reads this would like to come to this place and make it their home I want to say you can not find a better location. It is handy to church, public work of all kinds, land is fine for truck farming, and joining my place is 135 acres of wooded land and can be bought in five or ten acre tracts at \$35.00 per acre, easy terms, or \$25.00 cash. We're located half way between Bauxite and Benton, twenty-two miles south of Little Rock on the C. R. I. & P. Railroad. We would like to get this land settled up with Church of God people if we can. Just thought I would put this notice in the Evangel so that someone might be interested. I believe in advertising for the glory of God and I feel like this is for His glory because I believe this land is being reserved for some good Christian people so if anyone who reads this is interested and wants further information, just drop me a personal letter. I will assure you that I will do all I can to help you get located. Yours in His service, until He comes or calls, Homer Grant, deacon, New Summit church, Route 1.

God Brings Everything To Judgment

GREEN TURTLE CAY, Abaco, Bah. (Oct. 28)—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel. As I write this I can say that I am saved, sanctified and desire the baptism of the Holy Ghost, feeling good in my soul, with the hope of seeing Jesus some day. Some weeks ago the Lord began to pour out a special blessing on the saints here. We have been having the most spiritual meetings here that I ever saw in my life, and the Lord is surely blessing people in a marvelous way. Saints are dancing and praising God with all their hearts and the Spirit is being manifested wonderfully. Six have been saved, six received the Holy Ghost, three added to the church, five baptized in water. We are having a wonderful time in the Lord and can feel His presence with us. Sometimes the saints get under the power and it seems that Heaven is near, then faces are filled with the glory from above. The pastor from Cooper's Town, and other saints, gave us a visit, also Brother Will Franks, and we surely appreciate their presence. The Word was preached in its fullness, the Spirit manifested and the saints were edified. Some of the young saints are having to bear some great persecutions, but that makes us stronger because we know that they persecuted the way before us. We older ones are stronger in the way and can stand more than they can, but one thing we know is, 'the Lord knoweth them that are his,' and only the willing and obedient will eat the food of the land. These are the last days, because we can see the Word of God being fulfilled. The greatest enemies are those of your own household, but while Satan is roaring we are marching on to victory, carrying with us those who will hear and obey the precious Word of God. On Sept. 30th we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The church was full and we had quite a number in this sacred service, and O what a wonderful time! It was almost like at Pentecost—the power came like a mighty rushing wind and filled the saints and they danced and glorified God in the Spirit. I cannot express the feeling I had at that time. I felt like heaven was close and that we could have gone right in. The joy of salvation was flooding our souls, and we surely did feel the presence of the Lord. We believe, to feel the presence of God, we must walk in the footsteps of Christ, but if we live far from Him, we will be like the prodigal son, who

was asking the prayers of the saints.—R. J. Williams, pastor.

Lord Blessing In Montana

I praise God for this wonderful salvation. I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Glory to Jesus! We have just returned home from a three weeks meeting in Park City, Mont. The dear Lord went before and prepared the way, so we followed in His footsteps.

No souls prayed thru to victory, but that does not tell the good that was accomplished, for I feel that the dear Lord has planted the seed in that needy field, and some day the harvest time will come.

Brother Martin and Brother Cook preached some wonderful sermons, and souls were made to realize that our God is still on the throne.

After this meeting closed we motored over to Joliet, a distance of about twenty-five miles, where Brother Cook and wife are holding meetings. There we found some holiness folks as well as holiness fighters. The dear saints there are praying hard for a revival and we believe that God will send them one.

Montana is a great harvest field and we need some true-blue Church of God workers to help us. We are sure some one must feel this call. We know that many other people are in need of these kind of folks. If the preachers of today would step out on God's promises and trust Him for their needs, instead of backsliding and leading souls to destruction, we would see a great harvest time. On the other hand, if the members would give God His part and stop fighting the preachers that God has sent we would see our churches arise and shine rather than in the backslidden condition they are in. I feel that we all need to get in closer touch with God, and in closer unity with one another.

Pray for me. Your humble sister, Thelma Brannin.

A Wonderful Time

KENNEDY, Ala. (Sept. 7)—I want to say I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, and am a member of the dear old Church of God and glad of my place. The revival just closed at Cada church last Sunday night with a large crowd present. I must say the meeting was a great success. The saints prayed, cried, shouted, talked in tongues, danced and fell under the power. Sinners were convicted and saved from sin. There were several sanctified and eight received the Holy Ghost. Eight came in the Church and about that number is to be baptized in water. Brother L. Burroughs and our pastor did most of the preaching.

Our State Overseer was with us one day and night and we enjoyed their stay and hope they can come this way again. Our District Overseer was also with us the first week. He did some wonderful preaching which was enjoyed by all. We hope he will come this way again. The meeting was grand from the first to the last. It closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Let everybody pray for this place that God will save others. Pray for me. I am ready to go out on the battlefield. Anyone needing my help write me.—Thy brother, L. J. Potts.

Healed of Chills

RIPLEY, Tenn. (Oct. 16)—I want to sound a note of praise to the good Lord for His goodness to me. He saved my soul, sanctified me, and I am still on the highway that leads from earth to glory, and I am still praying to God that some day in the near future He will baptize me with the precious Holy Ghost, praise His dear name! I am truly glad of the privilege to live for God in this day and time. I am only eighteen years old. I joined the Methodist church about two years ago and remained a member until last year, Oct. 16th, when I came into the Church of God and was baptized the 23d of October, which has been almost a year ago, and I am not tired of the way, but still mean to press on to higher heights and deeper depths for Jesus. I also want to thank God for healing me of chills last week. I have had only three chills and want all who read this to pray earnestly that God will keep His healing hand over me and that I will ever be humble at the feet of Jesus and always be a soul winner for God. I would like to receive letters from good Christian young people and will

strayed away until he came down to feed swine, so we believe in a Christ who loves us and keeps us day by day, and if we will obey Him we can receive the joys of salvation on earth, and in the end will reap eternal life. I want all who read this to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost and that God will keep us, as a church, in the love of Christ until He comes for us. Some of our greatest persecutions come from professing Christians. They gather together with a few sinners who do not know Christ and they ridicule the children of God in a most shameful way, but God will bring everything to judgment and there every one will get a just reward. Your brother in Christ.—Roland Roberts.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

CASH

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Geo. M. Johnson, Adamsville, Ala. \$2.00; T. M. Varnes, Hixson, Tenn. \$10.00; Church, McMinnville, Tenn. \$1.00; S. S. Lafayette, Ga. \$2.16; S. S. Oneonta, Ala. \$5.28; S. S. Carson Springs, Tenn. \$1.95; S. S. Widner, Ark. \$2.16; S. S. McColl, S. C. \$5.00; Wesley Brannon, Crawford, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Crown Hill, W. Va. \$0.54; S. S. East Bank, W. Va. \$1.08; S. L. Cantrell, Eton, Ga. \$3.00; S. S. Crumleys Chapel, Ala. \$2.45; Church Crumleys Chapel, Ala. \$5.00; S. S. Benton, Ill. \$1.90; S. S. Altoona, Ala. \$5.84; S. S. Mt. Vernon, Tex. \$4.55; S. S. Sesser, Ill. \$1.88; S. S. Plant City, Fla. \$3.00; S. S. Cortez, Fla. \$10.32; Church, Marietta, Ga. \$1.05; S. S. Lafayette, Ga. \$1.90; S. S. Kellerman, Ala. \$1.06; Maud Medlin, Clarksdale, Miss. \$1.00; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$2.90; David Fluker, Thomasville, Ala. \$5.50; Maggie Gilmer, Ware Shoals, S. C. \$0.40; Wm. Stewart, Hattiesburg, Miss. \$2.00; S. S. Joplin, Mo. \$5.69; Laura Wood, Poplar Grove, Ark. \$1.88; S. S. Class No. 1, Madisonville, Tenn. \$0.50; S. S. Tellico Plains, Tenn. \$0.48; S. S. New Summit, Ark. \$1.40; S. S. Cambridge, Md. \$4.13; S. S. Clarksville, W. Va. \$1.05; Church, Columbia, S. C. \$0.95; S. S. Class No. 1, Calhoun, Ga. \$2.28; Solicited by Mrs. Frank Maples, Denver, Colo. \$2.25; S. S. Somerset, Ky. \$3.45; Church, Shady Grove, Miss. \$4.48; S. S. Shelby, Ind. \$4.50; Sol. by Hattie Jackson, Calhoun, Ga. \$0.75; Brother Fern, W. Palm Beach, Fla. \$10.00; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$4.66; S. S. Cleveland, Tenn. \$5.27; S. S. Ladonia, Tex. \$6.47; S. S. Class No. 3, Copperhill, Tenn. \$0.65; S. S. Anderson, S. C. \$1.62; S. S. Columbus, Ga. \$2.00; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. \$1.62; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$0.61; S. S. Berryton, Ga. \$3.50; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. \$3.45; S. S. Toonigh, Ga. \$1.54; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. \$4.48; S. S. Olney, Ill. \$4.80; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$3.88; Church, Ft. White, Fla. \$1.00; S. S. Ensley, Ala. \$5.00; Mrs. Sanford Williams, Stockport, Ohio, \$1.00;

Church, Kannapolis, N. C. \$8.00; Ova Yates, Crab Orchard, Tenn. \$1.25; Lucy A. Turney, Higden, Ark. \$2.50; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$3.36; S. S. W. Frankfort, Ill. \$4.66; Rosa Pope, Phoenix City, Ala. \$3.33; Church, Pontiac, Mich. \$3.20; S. S. Lenoir City, Tenn. \$6.31; A. R. Pearson, Rochester, Tex. \$1.85; S. S. Flat Creek, Ala. \$0.73; Y. R. Jones, Smithville, Tenn. \$1.00; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$2.04; S. S. Zellwood, Fla. \$4.36; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio. \$3.27; S. S. Kentwood, La. \$2.09; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. \$2.76; A. V. Beaubé, \$3.53; S. S. Charleston, S. C. \$1.58; S. S. Grand Ledge, Mich. \$1.81; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. \$2.31; Ed Johnson, Rocky Ford, Ga. \$0.35; S. S. Branford, Fla. \$0.42; S. S. Monroe, La. \$5.55; Church, Tampa, Fla. \$2.04; S. S. Winchester, Ky. \$2.60; S. S. Milton, W. Va. \$0.58; Church, Heidelberg, Ky. \$0.35; S. S. Blacksburg, S. C. \$6.92; S. S. Summit, Ala. \$3.06; S. S. Chokoloskee, Fla. \$3.44; S. S. Orlando, Fla. \$13.58; Church, Pattersonville, Ohio, \$6.75; S. S. Baltimore, Md. \$0.95; Church, Clarks Chapel, Tex. \$0.35; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. \$1.29; S. S. Ashville, N. C. \$4.23; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$5.07; Church, Mentone, Fla. \$7.11; T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla. \$2.02; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio. \$3.27; S. S. East Boulder, Mont. \$7.38; S. S. Thomas, Ga. \$1.84; S. S. Eldorado, Ill. \$0.30; Sallie Bailey, Higden, Ark. \$1.00; Flossie Morton, Higden, Ark. \$1.00; Dessie Allison, Higden, Ark. \$0.25; S. S. Sylacauga, Ala. \$1.20; S. S. Boynton, Pa. \$0.60; S. S. Baltzer, Miss. \$0.76; S. S. Lanius, Tex. \$3.10; S. S. Belmont, N. C. \$2.00; S. S. Circleville, Ohio. \$0.58; S. S. Double Springs, Ala. \$1.30; J. A. Self, Tampa, Fla. \$0.85; S. S. Fitzgerald, Ga. \$4.50; S. S. Bonne Terre, Mo. \$1.48; Thelma Varney, Naugatuck, W. Va. \$0.40; S. S. Black Oak, Tenn. \$2.50; Sol. by Sarah Franklin, Ensley, Ala. \$10.70; J. M. Kile, Petersburg, W. Va. \$0.90; S. S. Lando, S. C. \$12.20; S. S. Whitestone, Ga. \$1.50; Sister Jones, Ardmore, Okla. \$1.75; J. H. Ingram, Cincinnati, Ohio, \$16.00.

Blood Washed And Spirit Filled

STATESVILLE, N. C. (Sept. 10)—The Mt. Airy district meeting has come and gone, but not forgotten. All of the churches were well represented except Blair Plains. The Lord sent the Spirit upon us at the very first service and continued to bless all thru the convention. We met in the Church of God at Flat Rock, Mt. Airy, N. C., Friday night, Sept. 7th and opened the convention by singing and praying, after which Sister Rose New gave the welcome address. At 8:45 Brother O. B. Griffie, the pastor of Flat Rock, brought the message which was enjoyed by all. Saturday evening we met for prayer, songs and testimonies. At 7:30 the churches were called and short talks given by the respective pastors of each.

At 8:45 Brother George Collins, the pastor at Thomasville, preached a wonderful sermon. Sunday morning at eleven o'clock we were all seated in the church with smiling faces and as the singing began the Holy Spirit fell on us and the saints began shouting and speaking in tongues. At 11:45

answer all the "good" letters I get from Christian friends. I remain, your humble sister in Christ.—Lucille Smith.

the writer brought the message by the Holy Spirit. Several times during the discourse we were compelled to give way for the saints to praise the Lord. The folks on Mt. Airy district are still-fed, blood-washed, fire-hot and Spirit-filled.—J. C. Farmer.

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OBITUARIES

WELBORN

The Lord saw fit to call Sister Bird Welborn home Oct. 10th, 1928, 7:00 p. m., at the age of forty-two years. She leaves to mourn her death, a loving husband, two daughters a mother, one brother, two sisters and a host of friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. She was a member of the Church of God and had the victory.—L. T. Waters, clerk, Jacksonville, Fla.

JONES

On Nov. 6, 1928 at 2:00 a. m. the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and claimed for its victim their darling baby boy eleven months, one week and three days old. He was sick about one month, cutting teeth. He was a sweet child and was dearly loved by his parents, relatives and friends. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, one brother, some aunts and uncles and one grandmother, besides other relatives and friends. His funeral was held at the home and his body laid to rest in the family cemetery.—One who loved him and is going to try to meet him in that sweet home where we will never have to part.

GREEN

My son, Willie Green, departed this life at the age of twenty years, three months and three days. He was sick eight weeks, but bore his illness with patience. The sweet Spirit of Jesus was with him. Every time he would get sick he would want me to pray for him, but this was the first time he ever offered to pray. His sweet prayer is a consolation to me. He said he was a changed boy. It was hard to give him up, but I know I can go to meet him some day. I have been led to pray more the past six months, and every time I would pray I could not pray for anyone like I could for this boy, that God would save him and prepare him to meet Him, and I know that God saved him.

It seems that I can't live sometimes, but I go to Jesus in prayer and He takes the burden away. I thank God because I have been a praying mother many years. Mothers, if you haven't prayed with your children, make a start now. I ask all the saints and mothers who have had to give up loved ones, to pray for me.—His mother, Mrs. Lora Green, Fisk, Mo.

DOUGLAS

On the 7th day of November, 1928 the death angel came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Douglas and claimed for its victim their brightest jewel, little Lovie Virlene, age about twelve days. We deeply sympathize with the parents and will say to them in their sad bereavement, "weep not for little Virlene for her spirit is resting in the arms of a loving Savior, and your great loss is His eternal gain."

Jesus needed this little bud to bloom on Heaven's bright shore and if we live true to Him, some day we will go to be with her thru endless eternity. Her suffering was great but Jesus knows and does all things well. We must submit to His will.

She leaves to mourn her death a mother, father, one brother, three sisters and many other relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, Brother H. H. Lowe,

and her little body laid to rest in the Mount Carmel cemetery.

Lovely babe, how brief thy stay,
Short and hasty was thy day;
Ending soon thy journey here,
Pain and grief no more to bear.

Hard it is for thee to part,
For it rends the aching heart;
But an heir of Glory's gone,
Let the will of God be done.

Pillowed on a Savior's breast,
Sweetly sleep and softly rest;
Soon the morning shall restore,
The buried babe we now deplore.

A friend, Mrs. Annie Ruth Stepp,
Camden, Tenn.

PHILLIPS

On Oct. 14, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Fred Phillips and claimed for its victim their darling Hazel, age fourteen months and fourteen days. All was done for her that loving hands could do. She was a sweet child and loved by all. She has gone to be with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, one brother.—A friend, Lena Tow.

Dear Hazel, days are sad and lonely
Since you have gone so far away,
But Jesus loved you best, and in
Heaven

We will meet you some sweet day.

I am lonely, O, so lonely.

For the one that's gone from us;
When at last I reach the portals
And am greeted by my own,
I expect to find you singing,
With the saints around the throne.

LANGLEY

Mr. John Langley, a Belmont farmer, and a member of the Church of God, a fine old man, in October past, mysteriously came to his death in the bus station at Gastonia. The church was made sad, also the officials, to learn of his death. He was supposed to have been on his way to church at the time.—John A. Harvey, Belmont, N. C.

MERRITT

On the 10th day of Nov. 1928 our darling little girl, Mildred, age about three years, departed this life to be with Jesus. She was sick just one week and bore her suffering with patience. When we would pray for her she would lie and praise the Lord. We loved her dearly, but Jesus loved her best and in His loving mercy He took her to rest.

A place is vacant at the table
A little voice is stilled,
The little clothes she used to wear
Are hanging around here still.
She can't come back to us
But we can go to her,
And I had rather go there
Than any place I know.

Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

MILLER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller on Oct. 17, 1928 and claimed for its victim their darling baby, C. W. He was a bright little child, only two and one-half years old. He was never in good health in his life, would always bleed freely when he hurt himself. On Oct. 14th of the mother and child were at one of the neighbor's, the child was sitting in a chair by the bed. He fell out of the chair and hit his mouth on the edge of the bed and cut his gums and bruised several places on his face

and nose. He continued bleeding for four days and nights and God saw best to take him home to rest. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother and many other relatives. His little body was laid to rest in the Drew, Miss. cemetery.—Mrs. Nettie Mae Zeigler.

BROOKS

Sister Mary Brooks departed this life Nov. 9th. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one child, a mother and father, four brothers, one sister and a host of friends. I will never forget how the glory of God shone on her face when Jesus called her from this world of sorrow and tears. She was a member of the Church of God and was loyal and true. I am glad of the hope we have of seeing her on the banks of sweet deliverance. She did as Paul did, she finished her course and kept the faith now she has gone to receive her crown of glory.

BALLARD

On Nov. 18th Mr. John Ballard of Honea Path, S. C. was called to meet the Lord. He was sick for three weeks with typhoid fever, but bore his suffering with patience. Sister Pauline Jackson and myself were running a revival at Honea Path during his sickness, and visited him a number of times. The first time we went he said he was not saved and requested us to pray for him. We picked the guitar, sang several songs and prayed for him and he was wonderfully saved. It was wonderful to see his face shine with the glory of God. Though his voice was weak, he would praise the Lord many times as we would play and sing for him.

On the day following his death his funeral was held at the Baptist church, Mr. Thompson in charge. The family requested Sister Jackson and myself to pick the guitar and sing, "Come Let Us Go Home" at the funeral. This was the song he loved so well. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, three children a father and other relatives and friends.—Myrtle Whitehead.

WHITE

On Oct. 16, 1928 the death angel came to John L. White, the son of Brother and Sister Charley White, and claimed him for its victim. He was twenty years, four months and seven days old. He was not a member of any church, but believed in holiness. His body was laid away in Long Branch cemetery. He leaves to mourn his death two brothers, one sister, a father and mother, and a host of friends and other relatives. We extend to Brother and Sister White our heartfelt sympathy. He joined the army about three weeks ago and took pneumonia at Columbus, Ga., which was the cause of his death. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. I request that all who read this pray for the family, especially the father.—J. B. Weeks, Cairo, Ga.

Had Good Services

EUPORA, Miss. (Sept. 4)—Dear saints, I want to praise the Lord for what He has done at this place. We started a revival here the second Sunday and ran it a week, then we got a call to go twelve miles east of here where holiness had never been preached. The people are hungry for the Word. We ran the meeting three or four nights and the people surely did come out. One was sanctified and others are looking this way, but the devil is on his job.

We returned to our home church to close our revival. One was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and two were healed and my husband asked for prayer for a breaking out on his body. Some say it is eczema and some say it is nettle-rash. We all prayed for him and the Lord blessed, but we are still asking for prayer for him. Pray that the dear Lord will completely heal him.

We had good services. Brother Bass preached the Bible though the devil didn't like it. We rejoiced in the Lord while he pointed, and continued to give him the Word. We had baptizing Sunday and feet washing and the Lord's Supper Sunday night. How glad I am for the sweet Holy Ghost in my soul. Pray for me and my husband and children, that we will be just what God would have us be.—Nettie Daniels.

Don't Wait Till The Storm Comes To Pray

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (Oct. 17)—I want to thank God for His goodness to me and my son and his wife in the storm. I was in Youngstown, Ohio when the storm came, and I couldn't hear from them, so I asked the Lord to spare them and I can't thank God enough for answering prayer. I said, if all we have is gone, am I just spare my children and oh how I thank Him. A Baptist preacher said to me, your church has blown away. I said, no, brother, just the building. Our church is still standing and is shining for God. The old building is gone, but I hear they are having wonderful meetings in the parsonage. Thank God for a place to worship.

Now I can't describe how bad the storm was. One would have to see it to know and they tell me there was lots of praying going on at that time. Lord help us to do our praying before the storm. Let's not wait till trouble

Ala. State Camp Meeting And Convention

The Alabama State Camp Meeting held at Boaz, was a wonderful success. How we praise our God for the soul stirring messages delivered by Brother R. P. Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla. We had looked forward to this meeting with a great deal of joy, and we were not disappointed. The Church of God was lifted up as never before. Such crowds as were here, it was reported to be the largest ever assembled in Boaz. We enjoyed the messages from Brother Abraham Silverstein from New York. He gave us some wonderful revelation of the Scriptures from a Jewish standpoint. While here he united with the Church of God and we are so glad to have him among our number. He made a fine impression on the outside world, and we truly hope to have him in Alabama again soon. An old man, unsaved, living twelve miles away, sent for some of our preachers to go out and pray with him. While they were with him he was saved and in just a few days one of the preachers who visited him preached his funeral.

Not many prayed through to victory, but we believe everlasting good was done. Eternity alone will tell. The people of Boaz were convinced that the Church of God is truly God's church. The best people of the town want the camp ground established here permanently. Other preachers gave some soul stirring messages. Our state evangelist, Brother Earl Paulk, was at his best. The last day of the meeting God wonderfully poured out His blessings upon us. The crowds were estimated at four or five thousand.

The Alabama state convention convened at Anniston, Aug. 31st—Sept. 1st and 2d, with the State Overseer, Brother S. J. Heath in charge. The presence of the Lord was with us from the beginning to the end. We were disappointed that Brother Lee couldn't be with us on account of his physical condition, but were delighted to have him substituted by Brother Latimer. It made us feel like old times to have him with us again and hear his good messages. The Lord wonderfully anointed him for the service he rendered. We believe many were edified by his preaching. There were twenty-two churches represented out of thirty-seven, and how the saints shouted and praised God. It seemed almost like the Assembly.

We have worked in six states and we have found the warmest hearted people and some of the best preachers we have ever labored with. They surely love government and know how to submit. We love Alabama and its people and God wonderfully blessed us during 1928. We give Him all the praise and glory. The camp meeting site was discussed for a permanent camp ground. A Baptist brother became very much enthused and offered us all the land we wanted, free of charge, six miles from town. A real estate man also offered us five acres of land right in the edge of town, with city water and electric lights, and one hundred dollars in cash. (He is Ruth Elder's uncle.) Of course with these flattering offers, Anniston gets the camp ground. There was quite a spiritual rivalry between these brethren. This made us feel glad to see the Church of God finding such favor with people like these. We thank Brother Nelson, the pastor, and Brother Bun Hall and Brother Fordham for their untiring efforts in securing homes for the people. One man not a member of the church, told them to send twelve people to the hotel and he would foot the bill, and in addition to this, filled his palatial home with visitors. Several received the Holy Ghost.

Alabama is coming to the front. We were the first to shoot a star, and we are striving to be first in subscriptions for the Evangel.

One of the best features of the convention was the Gilly quartette. They were at their best, and did some wonderful singing. All four of them have just received the Holy Ghost, neither of them have ever taken a dose of medicine and three of them are grown, and the best part of it, they belong to Alabama. Brother Earl Paulk preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning. His subject was "Hold Fast." Many were stirred and the altar quickly filled with seekers after his sermon. Several said it was the best convention in ten years. We had visitors from other states. Brother W. W. Harmon reported a new church at Thomasville, one hundred percent tithe payers, twenty-one in number. All honor and praise to our God. Yours in His service, Mrs. S. J. Heath.

This report was sent in some time comes to pray. I truly thank God for He keeps me from sin. I know I have the victory. Bless His good name. I had a vision of the storm at the Ohio camp meeting and Brother R. P. Johnson had the same vision, the same time. I tried to fight it away and never told it. How sorry I am if God will forgive me. I never will do so any more. May God bless the saints everywhere. Pray for my unsaved family and pray that I will keep in the will of our Father which is in Heaven. God bless all of you.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. H. E. Rump.

Thanking God For Mountain Top Victory

LACOCHEE, Fla. (Oct. 16)—I love to get the Evangel, and do enjoy reading the good testimonies and to hear how God is blessing in the different meetings. I feel like I am in the meeting myself when I read them. They are food to my soul. I love the Lord with all my heart and believe in living up to all God's Word. I want to do His will and obey the Word. I believe in and practice being led by the Spirit of God, which will lead us into all the truth, if we let Him. If we obey the Lord in everything He will surely reward us by pouring out His blessings upon us, like He says He will in Mal. 3d chapter. I have proved Him, and can say as David did, "My cup runneth over." The Lord is so real to me, and it is wonderful how He will use us to demonstrate His Word if we will let Him and not be ashamed or resist His power. Life would not be worth living without God in my heart and life, I could not do without Him. I love to be with God's people and to hear about them, and thank God for providing us with a way to be with His people, and to hear God's messages and to praise the Lord in the shout and dance, and let the Holy Ghost edify us with tongues. I want God to use me in every way for His glory, and to stay humble at His feet is my prayer, so that God can use me. I thank God for mountain-top victory and a shouting experience, and it does not bother me one bit what the world says or does. I am not a bit ashamed, as the Holy Ghost gives us boldness when He is using us in any way. I thank God that many times He has come on the scene and given me such a blessing right in the face of the foe. I believe in God having His way with us. He knows if we will let Him or not and He knows just what He can trust us with. I never once thought that the Lord would lift me up this way. Your brother in the Lord.—F. H. Jarvis.

CHURCH BUILDING BURNED

STOLLINGS, W. Va. (Oct. 21)—This Sabbath morning, while reading the Evangel, the good testimonies, and the way that the Lord is blessing, I am thinking of our little place here at Stollings which burned, and we haven't been able to replace it again. I would be more than glad if the good saints of God would donate us something and help us get another place to come together and try to hold up the banner for the Lord that has been so good to us. May God bless everyone that will give us a helping hand to get the little church started again. We have a number of children that would come to Sunday School if we only had a place in which to worship. I praise God that I have found the way, pray that God will work at this place.—E. J. Carter.

Trusted God 19 Years

DAYLIGHT, Tenn. (Sept. 8)—I am glad I can report victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I am so glad of all this. It is such comfort to my soul. We had prayer meeting in our home the date mentioned above, was conducted by Bro. Denney Ritchey. He seemed at his best, and of course was a help to the hearers. Some said that was about the best prayer meeting they were ever in. The testimonies were rich and good, and I am glad that I can tell to this world that God can still heal, bless His name. I have trusted Him for nineteen years for both soul and body. O I wish God's people could all see and realize just what God is to them, if they would only trust Him. The Lord helped me raise my family of five children, and I didn't give any medicine or even take tea of any kind from the time my third child was nearly two years old and now she is twenty-one. I love to tell of His wonderful power and love, He healed me of an awful hurting in my back. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of His power thru the Evangel, and I began to get better right away. Let us all keep our promise to God, for He does not forget them. How I do enjoy His blessings when I obey. The devil tries to make me think that I am deceived, but I know I am not. I would like to be in services more often if it were possible. God can do all things if we will let Him. He can save and sanctify and baptize with the Holy Ghost. When before the Assembly. On account of limited space it did not reach the pages.

Infidels Will Be Convinced At His Coming

"And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not." Luke 24:11.

Now this is the report of the good (?) people concerning the resurrection of our Lord, when on any other statement they would not dare to doubt them, knowing they were good folks, and their truthfulness could not be disputed, yet because this thing that they had seen with their own eyes, and knew without the least shadow of a doubt that it was truly real that Jesus our King had risen as had been told He would; because it was a thing that was impossible with men they would not believe Him as he made the statement to the world before His crucifixion, that He would rise the 3d day, neither would they believe truthful people with whom they walked and talked. I can hear them in my imagination say, "They are good people, I believe they mean well, but they are deceived." (?) It could not be possible that man's body has arisen from the grave, and is gone, O no, that can't be true, they are deceived, surely they are." (?) But it was true, right in the face of the opposers He was risen. Just so to-day, when we look the unbelieving world and so-called Christians in the face and tell them, on the authority of God's Word and promise of His dear Son, and from a personal experience that His blood was shed to sanctify His people and that when He went to the Father He would send another Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, and when He comes He would come speaking in tongues, and that we would bear witness, they say we are deceived, just as the unbelieving Jews did at that time, and our words seem to them as idle tales and they believe us not, but thanks be to our God we have the experience and their unbelief and their arguments do not make it a fairy tale and untrue. We can shout the victory, speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, dance under the power of God, preach and practice divine healing right on until Jesus comes again, then when they see Him coming in the clouds of Heaven, they will be compelled to say, Truly this thing that those people testified to was so. But to my mind, my unbelieving reader, if there be any who read this, it will be too late for you to confess then. Please believe it now and take God at His Word, accept Him as your heavenly Father and Jesus as your personal Saviour, His blood as your sanctification, the Holy Ghost as the abiding Comforter, and be ready to go back with Him to the marriage supper when He comes, and reign and live with Him forever, and thereby shun the crowd that will cry for the rocks to fall on them and hide them from His presence. This will be your experience if you continue to disbelieve God's Word. May this bless everyone who reads it. Your humble brother in Christ.—J. C. Bower, 685 N. W. 31st St. Miami, Fla.

Lived In Dread Until She Found God

HEFLIN, Ala. (Sept. 8)—I want to praise the Lord this morning for His wonderful healing power. A short while ago my little boy took with some kind of cramping, I laid the Evangel on him in Jesus' name and promised God if He would heal him I would testify to it thru the Evangel, and the Lord healed him. A few nights ago he was taken again with something like pneumonia and I laid the Evangel on him, and the Lord healed him, and I do praise Him for it.

Before we began to trust the Lord with our children; it took about all we could get to pay the doctor bills and keep medicine, and when we would live far away from a doctor, I would live in a dread and fear all the time for fear I would get sick and we could not get a doctor, but thank God, now I don't fear any more. I just turned things over to God, and He has never failed me yet. Sometimes doctors will not leave without the money, but friends, when you have your trust in God, you do not have to have money to get healed. His service is free, so far as money is concerned. Only faith in God and prayer is sufficient. Pray for me.—Maggie Hickerson.

the devil tells you God can't or won't heal, tell him he is a liar and the father of it, for God's Word teaches divine healing. Written for the glory of God and to help some suffering one.—Emma Freed, Rt. 1, Box 33.

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